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SPECIFICATION		SUPERSEDES		METHOD OF ANALYSIS
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21315	11/17/69	21315	7/15/69	20706

2, 4-DICHLOROPHENOXYACETIC ACID, BUTYL ESTERS

2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, butyl esters, minimum	98.8 %
2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid equivalent, minimum	78.8 %
Acidity as 2, 4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, maximum	0.25 %

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87554	3/31/69	29019	2/28/60	

2, 4, 5-TRICHLOROPHENOXYACETIC ACID, BUTYL ESTERS

2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, butyl esters minimum	97.5%
2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid equivalent, minimum	80.0%
Acidity as 2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, maximum	2.0%

Description of Orange

Orange consists of a 50-50 ~~mix~~ mixture (volume/volume) of 2,4-D AND 2,4,5-T.

2,4-D theoretically makes up 48.5% weight of ~~a~~ a gallon of Orange. The purity of 2,4-D is 99%. Thus, $48.5\% \times 99\% = 48\%$ 70% ester Technical 2,4-D. The acid equivalent of 2,4-D ~~is~~ 78.8%. Therefore, $48 \times 78.8\% = \underline{37.8\%}$

The specific gravity of Orange ranges from 1.275 - 1.295 while the weight of Orange per gallon is 10.75 pounds.

$$\therefore 37.8 \times 10.75 = 4.045 \text{ 2,4-D acid equiv.}$$

2,4,5-T makes up 51.5% by weight.

The purity of 2,4,5-T was 97.5%

and thus $97.5\% \times 51.5\% = 50.2\%$

Technical ester. The acid equivalent of 2,4,5-T is 80%.

$$\text{Thus } 80 \times 50.2 = 40.2\%$$

$$40.2 \times 10.75 = 4.30 \text{ lb/gal.}$$

$$4.30 + 4.05 = 8.35 \text{ lb ai/gallon}$$

Orange contains a small percentage of butyl alcohol & butyl ester moiety.

$$2,4-D \text{ } 0.25\% \text{ free acid} = .0268 \text{ lb ai}$$

$$2,4,5-T \text{ Free Acid} = .2150 \text{ lb ai}$$

$$2,4-D \text{ ac from Esters} = 4.1847$$

$$2,4,5-T \text{ " " " " } = 4.1925$$

$$\underline{8.6190}$$

ACTIVE INGREDIENT

$$2,4,5-T = 4.4075$$

$$2,4-D = 4.2115$$

$$\underline{8.6190}$$

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE VALUE

$$2,4,5-T = 4.300$$

$$\text{" acid} = .215*$$

$$2,4-D = 4.336$$

$$\text{" acid} = \underline{0.027*}$$

$$\text{Total} = 8.778$$